

REMARKS

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment submits the amendments identified above, and is further responsive in any manner set forth below.

UPDATE CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicant has updated the information given in the new section in the specification to identify the most recent issued patent upon which benefit is claimed in the present case under §120.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 2-34 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter in the Preliminary Amendment filed 21 July 2003, and Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter herein. New Claims 35-45 are presented herein. Appropriate claims have been added to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, such changes are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment, and are simply refocused claims in which Applicant is present interested. Therefore, at entry of this paper, Claims 35-45 are pending for consideration and examination in the application.

Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, *i.e.*, Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

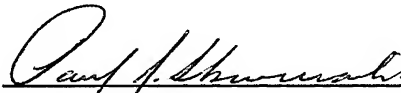
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number of 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested actions for accelerating prosecution and moving this application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented herein are now in condition for allowance.

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing of the present continuation, and no Petition or fee is required or possible for entry of this paper. Please charge any appropriately required fees to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing Case No. 500.30802CC4).

Respectfully submitted,



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